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The Adventure Begins

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Army Spc. Christopher Plunski, 235th Signal Co., Fort Gordon, Ga., sets up a satellite and communications display.

Scouts from around the world looking for a little adventure can find it at the Army Adventure Area, a series of hands-on exhibits grouped by their Army branches or career fields.

Some of the represented areas are Ordnance, Signal, Infantry, Military Police, Medical, Armor, Quartermaster, and Transportation. There is a wide assortment of equipment, vehicles and tools on display for the Scouts to look at and ask questions about. Some displays also include hands-on exhibits to give the

Scouts a more up-close experience.

Ordnance, for example, has an explosive ordnance disposal display that includes Andros, an explosive ordnance disposal robot. Andros is mostly used for improvised explosive devices, said Army Staff Sgt. Nathan Chapman of the 59th Ordnance Brigade, 832nd Ordnance Battalion stationed at Redstone Arsenal, Ala. "It's capable of lifting 30 pounds, which makes it strong enough to move most of the devices a person could easily place," Chapman continued.

The Signal Branch, meanwhile, is represented by the 235th Signal Company from Fort Gordon, Ga. There Scouts saw the Army-Navy Tactical Satellite Communications vehicle.

"The ANTSC can be driven to a location and be operational in 45 minutes," said Army Sgt. Ryan B. Simms.

"This is a great way to show the Boy Scouts how we process incoming data and send it to the right locations," said Army Spc. Christopher Plunski.

The aviation display features OH-58DR Kiowa Warrior helicopter and an AH-64

Apache helicopter for the Scouts to look at. Scouts could also climb into the Kiowa Warrior and look around the cockpit.

At the Military Police display, Army Sgt. Mahonri A. Telles of the 978th Military Police Company, Fort Bliss, Texas, tells Scouts about the capabilities of the High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, or HMMWV. Telles explains some of the differences between the standard "Humvee" on display and the 10,000-pound 'up-armored' Humvee used by many troops in Iraq, and includes his own experiences there as examples. One of those

experiences involved a pick-up truck that ignored an MP directing traffic and hit the Humvee in the driver's door. The Humvee shook a bit. The pick-up, said Telles, bounced backward about 25 feet.

Indeed, one could be forgiven for mistaking the Army Adventure Area for a sort of military auto show. Vehicles on display include the Stryker Engineer Squad Vehicle in the engineer display, the M2A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle in the infantry display, and the M1A2 Abrams Main Battle

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A.P. Hill Weather

Today



A few thunderstorms possible. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the low 70s...

Tomorrow



Slight chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 60s.

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A Safety Message from the Task Force Commander

In the past few days, we have lost several members of our Jamboree family. Let's take this time to pause and remind ourselves of our highest priority at this Jamboree: safety.

I challenge all Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, DoD civilians and contractors to constantly sensor each other and their surroundings. I challenge all leaders, both officers and NCOs, to constantly look for ways to reduce risk.

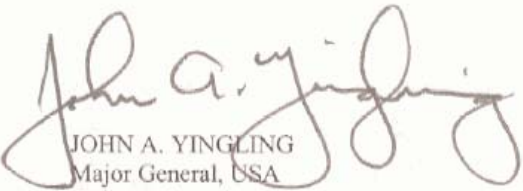
For the remainder of this Jamboree, we will continue to contend with 90-plus degree heat and humidity, conditions ripe for unpredictable lightning storms, and ticks, spiders and snakes that come with the territory here at Fort A.P. Hill. We will continue to contend with the dangers that come when approximately 2,000 servicemembers, 42,000 Scouts and Scout leaders, and 270,000 visitors turn Fort A.P. Hill into what can be considered the seventh largest city in Virginia. Simply put, an event of this size raises the risks of accidents of all kinds, and part of our military support mission here is to exercise the vigilance and diligence that we owe our guests, our fellow troops and ourselves.

Now, more than ever, we must stay focused and continue to do our utmost to make the remainder of this Jamboree safe and secure for all involved.

HOOAH.



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JOHN A. YINGLING
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Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair; the rest is in the hands of God.

- George Washington

Mass Appeal

by Army Sgt. Michelle M. Scsepko
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Everybody likes to know they're cared about, everybody needs to hear encouraging words, and everybody needs to know that if they have a problem there is someone that they can go to for help," said Army Chaplain (Col.) James Park for the JTF-NSJ (Joint Task Force National Scout Jamboree). Servicemembers here have already felt his presence – whether they have attended services, required assistance, or spotted him on their way to the dining facility in the morning on their way to breakfast.

"I think that most of the military personnel here were surprised at first to see a Chaplain greeting them in the morning on their way to chow. The most rewarding part of this experience for me is my morning interactions with servicemembers. I'm tired, but I know I need to get out there for the servicemembers. I feed off their energy, and the friendships that



Photo by Army Sgt. Frank Pellegrini
Army Chaplain (Col.) James Park enjoys an informal visit with a Soldier.

develop are really special to me," he said. Chaplain Park, an Eagle Scout himself, attended the Jamboree almost 41 years ago at Valley Forge, Penn.

"There is a great connection between the Boy Scout ministers here and myself," said Chaplain Park. The Chaplain's office and the Scout ministers are currently organizing a joint service with service-

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- Chaplain (Col.) James Park

members and Scouts, which is anticipated to take place this Sunday at 9:00 a.m. at various locations within the "Egg." Chaplain Park anticipates over 1,000 people to attend the service.

Some other prospective ceremonies for servicemembers this week will include informal prayer breakfast and services, some of which will feature the musical talents of the 451st Army Reserve Band.

"I am excited to be involved in this Task Force, which is here to provide a safe and secure environment for the Scouts and provide all involved with life-long memories and experiences. I'll continue to give my best efforts – from morning greetings at chow to taking out the time for those who need encouragement," he said.

Scouts Get on Track

by Army Staff Sgt. Christopher Land
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Army tankers and Army scouts work together on a daily basis, but some armor Soldiers from Fort Knox, Ky., were working with Scouts in a different uniform in the National Scout Jamboree's Army Adventure Area here Monday.

The Fort Knox Soldiers are showing Boy Scouts the Army's M1A2 Abrams Main Battle Tank.

"It's a great opportunity to show the Boy Scouts what we do," said Sgt. Nicolai Zimmerman as Scouts climbed over and into the Abrams on display. Zimmerman, a tank crewman from Cleveland, is assigned to E Troop, 1st Squadron, 16th Cavalry Regiment at Fort Knox, Ky. E Troop tankers and their fellow Soldiers from A Company, 2nd Battalion, 81st Armor Regiment answered the Scouts' questions and snapped pictures



Photo by Army Staff Sgt. Christopher Land

Staff Sgt. Brock Berkey answers questions from a Boy Scout who is examining the driver's compartment of an M1A2 Abrams Main Battle Tank. Berkey is assigned to E Troop, 1st Squadron, 16th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Knox, Ky.

for them.

The teamwork and structure Scouting helped him adapt to life in the Army, Zimmerman said. Showing the Scouts the tank helps them realize opportunities, he added.

"It shows them that, hey, you can do whatever you want to do."

Zimmerman's troopmate, Staff Sgt. Brock Berkey, said being at this year's Jamboree are a welcome reminder of his Scouting days.

Scouts taste the...

ARMY ADVENTURE



Photos by Army Sgt. Joseph A. Morris, Spc. Jose Martinez, Spc. Bryan Randolph, Spc. Morrene Randell

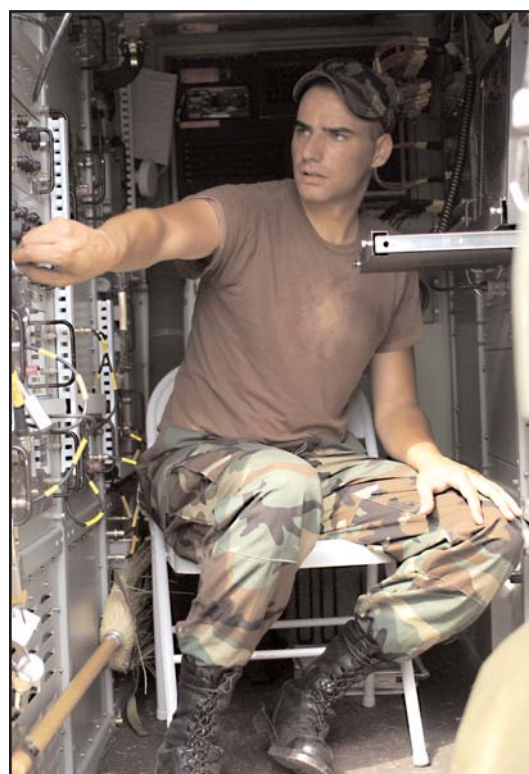
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Tank in the armor display. And no wonder--for Scouts, the Adventure Area was filled with wonders; Andros, which froze Scouts in place for minutes at a time, watching Andro move around picking up objects to simulate improvised explosive ordnance, was clearly one of the hits of the AAA's opening day. And of course most Scouts rush over to the laser pistol range to test their reaction time and accuracy. But if anything can compete with robots and guns for a young Scout's fancy, it's a big, powerful vehicle, and many were eager to climb into or on all of the massive vehicles on display. At least the ones they were allowed to by the safety-minded Army tour guides. Sorry, kids. Some Army adventures you've just got to enlist for.





**Oh, and
the Scouts
Had Fun
Too...**





With steady hand, project volunteer David Garrett skillfully cuts lumber for the new house.

With the sun high in the sky, David Garrett, a retired mill worker of 15 years whose age nearly reaches the temperature, strains himself while blasting through wood with a buzz saw. He stops momentarily, saw dust still flying out from the power tool and sticking to his sweat-soaked shirt, to remove his straw hat and mop his brow.

Garrett's efforts are all for a worthy cause—building a house for the less fortunate at the 2005 National Scout Jamboree.

In a joint effort between the Army, the Caroline County Habitat for Humanity, and the Boy Scouts of America and their Good Turn for America campaign, a new home will be built for Vurnia Fountain, 54, and her seven-year old daughter, Zaria. Currently renting a home with no running water, a floor caving in, and a host of other home horrors, Fountain turned to Habitat for Humanity for help. Now the charitable coalition is breaking ground at the Jamboree with the start of construction on her new house.

Although this event was added to the Jamboree line-up late, it hasn't deterred the never-give-up spirit shared by the Boy Scouts and the Army, said Katherine Listi, Good Turn for America Chair for the

The Habitat That Honor Built

by Sgt. Chris Pisano
361st Press Camp Headquarters

Jamboree and a employee of the Boy Scouts for over 20 years. "I never realized how much the military makes the Jamboree click," said Listi. "It's such a great collaboration with the Boy Scouts. The good will of Gen. Yingling, the safety and security, have all been great. You just can't say enough about Fort A.P. Hill. They let us do this here and have been very accommodative to us."

Construction of the 1,300-square-foot, 3-bedroom, 1-bath, ranch house with a front porch began on Monday with a tool box of 40 volunteers from the Boy Scouts, the Venturers

program, Caroline County Habitat for Humanity and the occasional G.I. hand, according to Jim Biche, President of the Caroline County Habitat for Humanity.

By August 1st, a basic shell consisting of four walls and a temporary roof will be airlifted 14 miles away to its permanent spot in Caroline County, Va. Local Scout troops and other volunteers from Caroline County should finish the house sometime in October, Biche said.

From 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. daily, in the beautiful yet brutal A.P. Hill weather, the volunteers toil away laying bricks, cutting wood, and nailing boards. Despite constantly hydrating, if it gets too hot the volunteers may cease construction temporarily but will ensure the mission gets done.

"It's great to give someone an opportunity that they otherwise wouldn't have," said Alex Landrum, 19, who has a double connection to the project: He's not only a volunteer with the Boy Scout Service Corps Order of the Arrow, but is in his second year as an Army ROTC Corps Cadet at Virginia Tech. "Being a part of something like this makes you realize how fortunate you can be, and it's great to share that," he said.

Starting out as a Cub Scout when he

was five, Landrum, from McClean, Va., was in the Boy Scouts through high school. And even though he's now on the path in the Army, he still finds time to help out the Boy Scouts.

"A lot of the lessons I've learned in the Boy Scouts translate very easily into the Army," said Landrum. "It's great to see my past experiences merge with the Army and see how it combines and comes together. It's all about leadership and getting people to accomplish a mission and everyone come home safe."

Soon, a deserving and grateful family will be coming home to their new home, thanks to the efforts of these volunteers and the opportunity provided here at the Jamboree.

"It's hard to put into words the sense of fulfillment – to help someone have a house that they ordinarily couldn't have," said Listi. "I love this. All the people working on this really have their hearts into this."



With the eye of an eagle... Scout, Alex Landrum, a volunteer with the Boy Scout Service Corps Order of the Arrow and Army ROTC Corps Cadet, nails down not only a board but a foundation to a promising future.

MWR Events at Wilcox Campsite

MWR Food Court information

Hours of Operation: 8:00a.m. - 10:00p.m.

Domino's Pizza - Serving pizza by the slice or whole, wings, and cheese sticks

Carol's Funnel Cakes - Fresh funnel cakes with a variety of toppings.

Tavern of Port Royal - World famous crab cakes, cheese-steak subs, North Carolina BBQ and other gourmet items, breakfast sandwiches are also available.

Hornes Ice Cream - Homemade old-fashioned ice cream and a variety of snacks and sub sandwiches.

Virginia Kettle Corn - Sugar coated, sweet, buttery popcorn.

Wilcox Recreation Center Building 1673

Internet Café, pool tables, cable television, movies and video games.

Open daily from 10:00 a.m. 12 p.m.

Wilcox Gym - Building 1657

Open 7 Days a week, 24 hours a day. New Cybex equipment has arrived.

Outdoor Theater

Located at Wilcox Entertainment Court, across from AAFES PX.

Showtimes: 2100 Daily.

Movie Schedule

Wednesday - Constantine

Thursday - Million Dollar Baby

Friday - No Movies

Saturday - Star Wars III

Sunday - Kingdom of Heaven

A.P. Hill Gets for Giving

Fort A.P. Hill was notified July 13 that it was awarded 3rd place honors in the Army Community of Excellence award program for 2004. The long-awaited announcement by the U.S. Army Installation Management Agency, successfully capped months of preparation and competition. Fort Stewart and Fort Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., selected as the Army's best, will receive a monetary prize of \$2 million. Second-place finisher Fort Bragg, N.C., will receive \$1 million, and Fort A.P. Hill will receive \$750,000. The awards will be presented at a Pentagon ceremony Aug. 15. More than 180 Army installations worldwide were eligible to compete for the honors.

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